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The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, enacted in 1974, has long been considered the most successful local program ever enacted by Congress. The program gives local governments the flexibility to target CDBG funds to locally designed programs, primarily to benefit low- and moderate-income residents and to help eliminate slums and blight.

The County of Los Angeles, through the Community Development Commission, administers the largest CDBG Urban County program in the nation, encompassing the unincorporated County areas and 48 participating cities.

This year, 2005, marks the 31st year anniversary of the CDBG program. While the program has consistently provided assistance to low- and moderate-income residents of Los Angeles County, over the past four years, CDBG funds have specifically assisted residents by: providing after-school and recreation programs to over 156,000 youth; providing meals, case management, and recreation to over 67,000 seniors; rehabilitating close to 7,000 homes; developing almost 9,000 affordable housing units; and creating or preserving over 2,000 jobs.

Strong partnerships among County Departments, participating cities, and community-based organizations have helped ensure the quality and effectiveness of the CDBG program within the County.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors proclaim March 28 through April 3, 2005, as National Community Development Week in the County of Los Angeles in order to recognize the history and accomplishments of the CDBG Program.

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